

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
July 13, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

BE IT KNOWN that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District was called in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on July 13, 2010, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Ronald Corkern, Attorney/Assistant Secretary
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
C.D. Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent

Janet Jones made a motion to supplement the agenda in order to discuss the drainage canal across Lester Garner's property. The motion to supplement the agenda was seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. And passed unanimously.

The minutes for the June 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Doris Rogé, the June minutes were unanimously approved.

The June, 2010 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., the June Financial Statement was approved.

Janet Jones advised the Board that she received a call from Lester Garner advising that he wanted to put a bridge across a drainage canal through his property. There was some question among the Board Members as to whether this drainage canal was a part of the Levee Board System. Mr. Sklar advised that he was familiar with the drainage canal and knew Lester Garner well. He offered to speak with Garner before the next Board meeting and determine exactly what he wished to do and advise the Board accordingly.

The Maintenance Report was given by Robert Vercher. He advised that his crew was continuing to bushhogging and make repairs to the levee in order to prepare for the inspection by the Corps of Engineers during the first week of August. His crew had completed working on the dirt slide and cow trails on the Cloutierville levee. He will keep an eye on the cow trails and repair them as needed. He further advised that his group planned to move across the river and work on repairing cow trails and slides on that side. They will also clean Robert Miller's place while the dozer is in the area and while it is dry enough to get the dozer in.

Karlton Methvin suggested that Robert check the dam by Earl Townsend's place to see if any repairs need to be made there.

Mr. Vercher further advised that his crew had been clipping limbs near the Wellan place and also had been working overtime on Fridays in an effort to get everything in order for the upcoming inspection.

Vercher further advised the Board that repairs were going to need to be made to the excavator. A repair estimate had been received from Head & Enquist in the amount of \$13,221.17. Mr. Sklar inquired as to whether this repair estimate included pick up and delivery of the equipment. Corkern was directed to contact Head & Enquist to determine whether pickup and delivery was included or would be in addition to the amount of the estimate. Mr. Vercher advised the Board that the repairs did not need to be made right now, and the Board agreed to wait until the fall to have the repairs made.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge advised that he had talked with David Dupre with the Corps of Engineers following the last meeting and also sent him some maps regarding the Gotsch fence. There has been no word from the

Corps as to whether they will grant an After-the-Fact Permit for this fence.

Eldridge also advised that he had received a call from Mr. Byles about the crossing at his place. It is the same place Mr. Eldridge looked at last year and told Mr. Byles to apply for a permit. Mr. Byles indicated he may just put a low water crossing in, but Eldridge told him that if this caused the water to back up he would have to correct it. He further told him that a lower water crossing would be hard to maintain. He suggested to Mr. Byles that he contact a real engineer to get some recommendations regarding an appropriate crossing.

Under new business Ronald Corkern advised that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers would conduct its annual inspection on August 3-5, 2010. We will plan to have dinner at Corkern's home on either August 3 or August 4. Corkern will contact David Dupre to determine which night he would prefer.

The Board also reviewed the annual evaluation forms for all employees and approved the rating given to each of the employees by Mr. Vercher, as well as the rating of Mr. Vercher prepared by Karlton Methvin.

Under old business Corkern provided the Board with the invoice for the Officers and Directors Liability Coverage that had been purchased. The premium will cost \$1,000.00 annually and the coverage is for \$1,000,000.00. Corkern also provided the Board with a copy of the invoice for the sale of the old truck. The truck sold for \$3,000.00 at auction and the commission charge was \$300.00, thus netting to the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District the sum of \$2,700.00.

Karlton Methvin advised that he did not have any additional issues to discuss. There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Janet Jones, seconded by Rayburn Smith, to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approved on the 10th day of August, 2010, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

RONALD E. CORKERN, JR.,
Attorney/Assistant Secretary